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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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2. Musaren Kaserne in Bautzen

EVALUATION

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 13 and 27 February 1954:

13 February. Between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flights and aerobatics including loops, rolls and steep banked turns were made at the field. There were no clouds and visibility was good. After two local flights, the aircraft climbed to about 2,000 meters. The aerobatics usually lasted 20 minutes.

14 to 16 February. No air activity was observed. There was an 8/10 to 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and good visibility.

17 and 18 February. Local flights and aerobatics were made throughout the day. The weather was cloudless and visibility good.

20 February. Local flying and aerobatics were practiced. The sky was 2/10 overcast.

21 February. During the afternoon, flights by elements of twos of about 30 minutes duration were made.

23 February. No flights were made. There was an 8/10 overcast at an altitude of 800 meters and good visibility.

24 February. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flying and stunt flying was practiced. The sky was 3/10 to 5/10 overcast at an altitude of 800 meters and visibility was good.

26 and 27 February. No air activity was conducted. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 300 meters and poor visibility.

During the period from 13 to 27 February, up to 3 aircraft were observed aloft at the same time. The hangars at the field had a holding capacity of at the most 12 aircraft. Therefore, source assumed that not more than 12 trainer aircraft were stationed at the field.

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2. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field and the Musaren Kaserne involved bus sedan and trucks

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3. During the morning on 22 February, no air activity was observed at the field. Throughout the day on 2 March, practice flights were made. During the morning, flights were apparently made by beginners as the steep banked turns were flown rather inaccurately. During the morning, 4 trainer aircraft which were ready to take off, were parked in front of the hangars. Nearby were 3 trucks which had recently arrived from the direction of Bautzen. The field was occupied by an estimated 10 aircraft that are parked in the hangars. During the air activity, 4 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 tank truck, and 1 command trailer were parked at the field.

4. At the end of February 1954, the Husaren Kaserne was occupied by VPL personnel, including student pilots, and female members of the VP. Trucks [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] were observed entering and leaving the barracks installation.

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[REDACTED] Comment. During the period under review, air activity by the Bautzen-Aeroclub was carried out along the usual pattern. The airfield is apparently still occupied by 10 to 12 Yak-18s.

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